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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Department of Justice
Washington, D.C.

Date 22 JAN 91

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Dear Mr. Hoover:

I have received your letter, dated 30 March 1953, in which
you express desire to limit the Bureau's participation in IAC
meetings to those in which matters within the Bureau's juris-
diction are considered.

In view of the heavy commitments of the Bureau, it is
understandable that you should want to reduce to an essential
minimum the demands made upon your personnel. At the same time,
I feel strongly that the IAC should not be deprived of Bureau
participation on a regular basis.

It has been our experience that neither the agenda nor
specific matters which we could bring to your notice in advance
of meetings would constitute an adequate basis for soliciting
your participation. Matters of interest to the Bureau which
we cannot anticipate in advance do come up at meetings; these
matters do not always relate to agenda items.

The presence of your representative at IAC meetings pro-
vides an essential link between domestic and foreign intelligence
services. This is a safeguard to which the Administration and
the public are entitled. I should not wish to take the respon-
sibility for deciding ad hoc when it is or is not necessary to
have Bureau participation at these meetings.

I therefore hope you will reconsider the position taken
in your letter of 30 March, and I urge continued Bureau rep-
resentation at IAC meetings.

Sincerely yours,

Allen W. Dulles

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